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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 18, 2006, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted for entry and consideration. The Action set a 3 month shortened statutory period for response, making this paper due December 18, 2006. This reply is timely filed and no petition for an extension of time to respond is required.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.